

COUNTRY East Germany

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TOPIC Cottbus Airfield

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. On 10 February 1953, there was local and formation flying by about 10 Yak-18s and 1 biplane at Cottbus airfield. Swept-back jet fighters also circled over the field. Contrary to the observations on 3 February, no twin-jet planes were observed. Between 15 and 18 February, VFL pilots practiced aerobatics, formation and local flying. In addition to the Yak-18 planes, 1 Li-2 plane and 1 biplane were parked at the field. Up to six MIG-15s landed at the field at irregular intervals. These planes apparently took off again. ¹

2. The following fuel shipments arrived at the field between 30 January and 11 February:

Date	Railroad Tank Cars	From
30 January	2 cars with 300 and 275 hectoliters	Dresden-harbor
1 February	2 cars with 300 and 300 hectoliters	Dresden-harbor
3 February	5 cars with 177, 230, 265, 177 and 265 hectoliters	Ruhland
8 February	6 cars with 198, 220, 270, 300, 300 and 300 hectoliters	Dresden-harbor
11 February	3 cars, including 2 with 220 and 298 hectoliters	Dresden-harbor

On 3 February, 15 boxcars with an unidentified content arrived at the field coming from Jueterbog-Altes Lager.

3. On 5 February, it was observed for the first time that some high-wing monoplanes, apparently Yak-14s and a two-seater biplane, probably with in-line engine, practiced flying over the field. The biplane was not of type Po-2 but resembled the former German ARADO-66. ²

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- 25X1A 1. [REDACTED] Comment. Same source previously reported that twin-jet planes were observed at the field. [REDACTED] It is believed that these aircraft were stationed at Cottbus airfield only temporarily. The assignment of the MiG-15 plane has not been determined. As the planes practiced flying in the vicinity of the field it is believed that they were flown by pilots who are stationed at Cottbus airfield. It has not been determined whether the pilots were VPL men or Soviet instruction pilots who occasionally flew with MiG-15s. 25X1A
- 25X1A 2. [REDACTED] Comment. Previously, only Yak-18 planes were observed at Cottbus airfield. Yak-14 planes and biplanes are reported for the first time.

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